

ORDER AND NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of AS 29.06.140, and pending preclearance by the Department of Justice, an election will be held November 21, 2006 in the City of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough under the administration and supervision of the Director of the Division of Elections.

The election is for the purpose of deciding on the proposed consolidation of the existing City of Ketchikan and the existing Ketchikan Gateway Borough into a new home rule borough to be called the Municipality of Ketchikan.

The ballot will ask:

SHALL THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN AND THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY
BOROUGH BE CONSOLIDATED AS ONE GOVERNMENT, THE HOME-RULE
MUNICIPALITY OF KETCHIKAN? Yes or No

The question must be approved by a majority of the people who vote. To vote in the election, a person must be registered to vote within the area to be included in the proposed new borough by October 20, 2006, which equates to 30 days before the election.

The November 21, 2006 election will be conducted by mail in accordance with AS 15.20.800 and 6 AAC 25.590. Ballots will be mailed to voters registered in the City of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and there will be no polling places open for regular in-person voting on election day. An Absentee Voting Official will be available in Ketchikan 15 days before and on election day to assist voters.

In addition to advertising the November 21, 2006 election on the radio and in the newspaper, a notice of the election will be mailed to all registered voters in Ketchikan. Ballots will be mailed October 30, 2006. Absentee ballots can be voted in person through the Absentee Voting Official or at any regional elections office. Ballots must be postmarked by November 21, 2006.

Whitney H. Brewster, Director
State of Alaska, Division of Elections

Dated this 25th day of August, 2006